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MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Barbara Lawrence at 9:00 a.m. on January 12, 2000 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
 Ben Barrett, Legislative Department
 Jackie Breymeyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: David Shreve, NCSL
 Tracy Schmidt, NCSL

Others attending: See Attached List

The joint meeting of the House and Senate Education Committees was called to order by Senator Barbara Lawrence, Chairperson. The subject for the joint meeting was Workforce Development. The Chairperson introduced David Shreve, who, in turn, introduced Tracy Schmidt, NCSL. Ms. Schmidt was present to give a part of the presentation. Mr. Shreve also introduced Laura Loyacono and Jay Kayne, Ewing, Marion Kauffman Foundation.

Mr. Shreve related to the economic health and growth of Kansas. He stated there are 100,000 unfilled jobs in Kansas and added that it is a daunting task for a person to try to access services available without education and skill level development.

Mr. Shreve touched on all facets of workforce development, including the history and development of the Workforce Investment Act, JTPA, CETA and the Schaffer/Woolsey Act.

Two states, Utah and Texas, have already consolidated workforce functions. While Utah is a small state, Texas is large and quite diverse. It is working well in both states and proves that whether a state is large or small it can provide those services which are responsive to the community.

Ms. Schmidt went through her part of the program. Workforce problems are no longer just social concerns, but business problems as they affect the business health of the community. States must comply with federal law and add a high level of performance measures to reach and go further than federal requirements.

Mr. Shreve thanked the Kauffman Foundation members for the assistance rendered in helping get programs implemented. Vision is needed to take programs further than only what is required.

Ms. Schmidt was asked under what agency she would suggest as the umbrella agency to bring these agencies and programs together. She was also asked about the inclusion of vocational education.

Ms. Schmidt responded that these are optional considerations for those who are in on the decision making process to solve.

The following attachments were made available by the NCSL for the committee:
NCSL Legisbrief ([Attachment 1](#)); Serving the Kansas Workforce, An Inventory of Programs and Policies ([Attachment 2](#)); Kansas Workforce Investment Partnership Council ([Attachment 3](#)); The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 ([Attachment 4](#)); Workforce Development Reform ([Attachment 5](#)); "Kansas Workforce Employment and Training Programs: Do They Function as a System?" ([Attachment 6](#)); Materials on Texas Workforce Legislation ([Attachment 7](#)); Kansas Workforce System Review ([Attachment 8](#)); Fiscal Impact Statement ([Attachment 9](#)); Department of Workforce Services Executive Summary and Overview ([Attachment 10](#)); Review of the Workforce Development Board of Enterprise Florida, Inc. ([Attachment 11](#)); Summary of the 1999 Act and Resolves, Act No. 27 (H.290) ([Attachment 12](#)); and Bill Summary for HB 1875 ([Attachment 13](#)).

The meeting was adjourned.

CONTINUATION SHEET